

# THE BOOK OF JAMES

WORDS TO LIVE BY  
Week 5

READ: JAMES 4:1-17

## Ice Breaker

Share an embarrassing moment that you're able to look back at and laugh at now.

## [Deep Dive Questions

1. Where do fights and quarrels come from?
2. How are external wars (with nations, cities, families, marriages, etc.) connected to internal ones?
3. What are the desires that battle within you?
4. Why do you think people want what they don't have?
5. What do vv.2-3 tell us about the spiritual life of James' audience?
6. When they did ask God for things, what do you think they were asking for?
7. If God gave you everything you asked, would He be most glorified? Why or why not?
8. Does v.4 say we shouldn't be friends with non-Christians? What does James mean?
9. Do you ever compare yourself to other people you consider more arrogant, that you may overlook your own arrogance?
10. How can we access God's grace?
11. Pastor Efrem mentioned during his sermon that "God isn't just at war for me, but for my neighbor as well." How do you think God sees those around you (even those that may seem difficult)? Do you see your neighbors the way God does?
12. What habits do you need to change in order to God's daily guidance and follow Him?

## Walk it Out!

- [Reading] Read and digest Revelation 21:1-7. When facing our daily battles, remember that the war is already won. We do not fight for victory, instead (because of Jesus) we fight from victory.
- [Connection] Are there any fights and quarrels with anyone in your life? Go humbly before God and ask for wisdom and direction. Follow as He leads. Remember James 4:17.
- [Memorization] Learn James 4:7-8.
- James 4:7-8a [NLT]: So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

Share prayer requests and close in prayer.

